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1. TUESDAY MORNING (APRIL 22) EDITIONS OF MOST TURKISH
NEWSPAPERS GAVE TOP FRONT PAGE PLAY TO ASST. SEC.
HARTMAN'S TALKS IN ANKARA WITH OFFICIALS OF THE NEW
TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

2. HEADLINES AND COPY VARIED CONSIDERABLY. THE PRO-RPP
DAILIES MILLIYET AND BARIS REPORTED IN HEADLINES AND STORIES
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IHSAN CAGLAYANGIL TOLD THE PRESS AFTER
MONDAY'S (APRIL 21) MEETINGS THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD NOT ASKED FOR
CONCESSIONS FROM TURKEY. (SEE ANKARA 3131 AND ANKARA 3132).
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SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN REPORTED THAT DESPITE CAGLAYANGIL'S

STATEMENT, MR. HARTMAN HAD ASKED FOR "ADVANCE COMMITMENTS" FROM TURKEY IN ORDER TO END THE ARMS EMBARGO. CITING "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" AS A SOURCE, GUNAYDIN DECLARED THAT MR. HARTMAN HAD PROPOSED : (A) THE BEGINNING OF HIGH-LEVEL GREEK-TURKISH TALKS, (B) THE RETURN OF THE MARAS SECTION OF FAMAGUSTA TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, (C) THE WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH TROOPS FROM SOUTH OF THE "FAMAGUSTA-MARAS LINE", (D) RETURN OF MORPHOU TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, (E) THE RETURN OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES TO THE NORTH.

3. THE GUNAYDIN STORY, ATTRIBUTED TO ANKA NEWS AGENCY, WAS SIMILAR TO ONE ATTRIBUTED TO THA NEWS AGENCY AND CARRIED BY LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET. ACCORDING TO THE THA STORY, HEADING ASST. SEC. HARTMAN'S LIST OF CONCESSIONS WAS THE WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH FORCES FROM THE ISLAND. THE THA STORY SAID THAT THE RECENT "ARMENIAN QUESTION" RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETINGS AS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

4. IN OTHER COVERAGE, HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, DECLARED IN A FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "THE TACTICS HAVEN'T CHANGED -- AMERICA AGAIN IS TRYING TO DELAY US." ACCORDING TO HURRIYET'S STORY, MR. HARTMAN ASKED TURKISH OFFICIALS TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH RETALIATORY ACTION TO THE AID CUT MIGHT BE TAKEN. IT SAID HE EXPLAINED THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN TOO PREOCCUPIED WITH VIETNAM-RELATED LEGISLATION TO TAKE UP THE AID MATTER.

5. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, ABDI IPEKCI WRITING IN MILLIYET SAID THAT MR. HARTMAN'S VISIT WAS INDICATIVE OF A SENSE OF URGENCY ON THE PART OF WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE CYPRUS ISSUE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS WASTED NO TIME IN LEARNING THE VIEWS OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT "... ANKARA HAS MADE ITSELF CLEAR THAT NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD YIELD TO PRESSURE AND BLACK-MAIL," SAID IPEKCI..." SINCE THE U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT WANT TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE, THE ISSUE HAS COME TO AN INPASSE." IPEKCI CONCLUDED THAT, "NOT ONLY TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, BUT ALSO CYPRUS AND GRECO-TURKISH RELATIONS CANNOT BE SAVED UNLESS A SOLUTION IS FOUND THROUGH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCOMMODATION."

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6. IN OTHER EDITORIAL COMMENT, CONSERVATIVE, PRO-DEMIREL SON HAVADIS DECLARED THAT MR. HARTMAN'S VISIT WILL BE USEFUL IN DEMONSTRATING TO AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS THAT TURKEY WILL MAKE NO CONCESSIONS ON MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE. "THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CHANGE OUR POLICY," SAID THE PAPER IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL.

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